



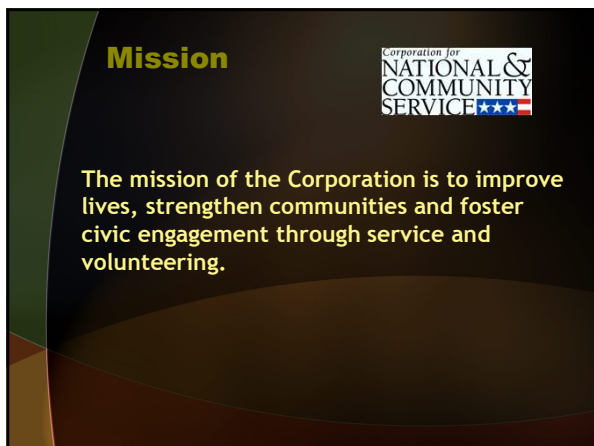
**Welcome to
National Service**

Disability Inclusion Conference
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**Corporation for National &
Community Service**

The Corporation is a federal agency that engages more than 4 million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and the Social Innovation Fund.



Mission

The mission of the Corporation is to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

2011-2015 Strategic Plan Goals & Priority Areas

- Increase the impact of national service on community needs in communities served by CNCS-supported programs.
 - Disaster Services
 - Economic Opportunity
 - Education
 - Environmental Stewardship
 - Healthy Futures
 - Veterans

AmeriCorps – Getting Things Done

- 80,000 Americans engaged in intensive service each year helping meet critical needs in education, public safety, health and the environment. Members may tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, or help communities respond to disasters.

AmeriCorps benefits

- Modest living allowance
- Health care benefits
- Child care assistance
- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award
- Must be a US citizen, US national or lawful permanent resident of the US

Education Award

- Up to \$5,550. This can be used to pay off qualified student loans or to finance college, graduate school, or vocational training at eligible institutions.
- You have up to seven years after your term of service has ended to claim the award. 55+ can transfer to child, grandchild or foster child.

AmeriCorps State and National

- Broadest network of AmeriCorps programs.
- Recruit, train, and place AmeriCorps members to meet critical community needs in education, public safety, health and the environment.

Is State and National for me?

- At least 17 years of age
- May serve full or part-time over a period not to exceed 12 months.



AmeriCorps VISTA

- VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) provides full-time members to nonprofit, faith-based and other community organizations, and public agencies to create and expand programs that bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty.



Is VISTA for me?

- Available to serve full-time for one year
- Requires criminal history check
- Most programs are seeking members with college degrees or at least three years of work experience. Also retirees with extensive experience.
- Self-initiative, flexibility and organizational skills a must.

AmeriCorps NCCC

- NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based, residential program for men and women ages 18-24. Members live on one of five campuses, located in Denver, CO; Sacramento, CA; Perry Point, MD; Vicksburg, MS; and Vinton, IA.

Is NCCC for me?

- Ages 18-24
- Team oriented, willing to take on a wide range of challenges.
- Education level doesn't matter
- Need to be willing to relocate to a campus



Senior Corps



- Tapping the Rich Experience, Skills, and Talents of the 55+ Population
- 330,000 volunteers meeting a wide range of community challenges through three programs - RSVP, Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program
- All volunteers receive pre-service orientation, training from the site, and supplemental accident and liability insurance

RSVP

Lead With Experience

- America's largest network for people age 55 and over.
- Full range of volunteer opportunities
- You choose how and where you want to serve.
- Amount of time you want to serve
- Choose whether you want to draw on your skills or develop new ones.
- FIND THE OPPORTUNITY RIGHT FOR YOU.

Foster Grandparents

Share Today. Shape Tomorrow.

- Role model, mentor and friend helping children learn to read, provide one-on-one tutoring, and guiding children at a critical time in their lives.
- Serve 15-40 hours per week.
- May qualify for a tax-free, hourly stipend
- Transportation assistance, paid benefits such as holidays, paid monthly training

Senior Companions

Make Independence a Reality

- By becoming a companion to a frail person, you help that person stay in their own home.
- May be giving families much-needed time off, running errands, or simply being a friend
- Making a difference that strengthens and helps preserve an individual's independence.
- May qualify for a tax-free, hourly stipend
- Transportation assistance, paid benefits such as holidays, paid monthly training

Special Initiatives

- A Billion + Change
- Disaster Services
- Faith-Based and Other Community Initiatives
- Let's Read. Let's Move.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
- Mayors Day of Recognition for Service

Special Initiatives

- National Mentoring Month
- President's High Education Community Service Honor Roll
- President's Volunteer Service Award
- September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance
- United We Serve
- Veterans and Military Families

For more information

- Nebraska 
<http://www.serve.nebraska.gov/>
- Iowa 
<http://www.volunteeriowa.org/>

Questions
